

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction/Election requirement mailed August 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group II (claims 58-61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 74) drawn to methods of modifying an agent to enhance its efficacy.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, specifically, the restriction of the claims of Inventions I and II. Both inventions require similar steps and reagents. Accordingly, claims 33, 53-67, 69 and 74 should be examined together.

In response to the Species Election, Applicants respectfully elect with traverse, taxane as the therapeutic agent. Currently, claims 33, 58, 60, and 61 are generic. Claims 53-57, 59, 62-67, 69 and 74 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully point out that when a generic claim is found to be allowable, the restriction requirement as to the encompassed species must be withdrawn and the corresponding claims directed to the encompassed species should be examined with the allowed claim.

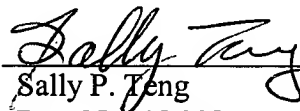
In the event that the Examiner needs to issue another Restriction/Species election, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative by phone. If necessary, Applicants will make an election over the phone

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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